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1. I MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND AFTERNOON FEB 25 TO DISCUSS HIS MEETING IN BRUSSELS ON ICELAND/UK FISHERIES DISPUTE AND HIS CONCLUSIONS ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF PURSUING NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL. HE SAID THAT ALTHOUGH HE HAD NOT RECEIVED ANY FIRM ASSURANCES OF SUPPORT AT BRUSSELS HE DID RECEIVE ENCOURAGEMENT THAT HE SHOULD PRESS FORWARD WITH THE NORWEGIAN EFFORT TO BRING THE PARTIES BACK TOGETHER FOR NEGOTIATIONS. HE EMPHASIZED HOW SERIOUS A MATTER THIS COULD BE FOR NORWAY'S SECURITY, THE ALLIANCE AND DETENTE AND HE REFERRED TO THE STRONG STATEMENT ALONG THESE LINES MADE EARLIER IN WEEK BY PRIME MINISTER NORDLI (REFTELA).

2. MOST ENCOURAGING, HE INDICATED, WAS FACT THAT UK AMBASSADOR SCOTT HAD BEEN IN TO SEE HIM TWICE ON FEB 25 TO CONSULT ABOUT THE EFFORT. THE AMBASSADOR WAS SEEKING TO DETERMINE IF ICELANDERS
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WERE SERIOUS ABOUT RESUMING TALKS. IF THEY WERE, THE AMBASSADOR

INDICATED UK WAS WILLING TO
GO ALONG WITH FRYDENLUND'S INIATIVE.

3. FRYDENLUND ALSO TALKED WITH ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER
AGUSTSSON BY PHONE TODAY AND LEARNED THAT ICELANDIC CABINET PLANS TO
MEET FEB 26 TO DISCUSS OVERALL SITUATION, INCLUDING PROPOSAL.
HE LEARNED TOO THAT THERE IS POSSIBILITY
ICELANDERS MAY NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN COPENHAGEN NORDIC
COUNCIL MEETING FEB 27 BECAUSE OF STRIKE IN ICELAND. SINCE NORWEGIANS
HAD HOPED TO MEET WITH PRIME MINISTER HALLGRIMSSON AND AGUSTSSON
AT THAT MEETING, FRYDENLUND IS NOW CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY--IF
ICELANDERS ARE FORTHCOMING TOWARD TALKS AND CANNOT GO TO
COPENHAGEN--TOFLY HIMSELF TO ICELAND LATER THIS WEEK TO DISCUSS
THE ISSUE WITH THEM. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE
TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ICELANDERS ARE SERIOUS ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS
OR ARE PURSUING POLICY OF DRAFT FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL REASONS.

4. FRYDENLUND SAYS THAT IF BOTH SIDES SHOW INTEREST AND IF
THEY CAN EXPRESS WILLINGNESS TO CONCUR ON THE GENERAL LINES OF AN
AGREEMENT, IT IS HIS HOPE THAT 1. NO COMPENSATION SCHEME WILL IN
FACT BE NEEDED, OR (2) THAT PERIOD OF TIME FOR A SCHEME'S OPERATION
WOULD BE SHORT; THUS FUNDING INVOMVED WOULD BE SMALL. HE SAID ALSO
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SET A TIME OR FUNDING LIMIT
ON OPERATION OF ANY SCHEME IF IT WERE NEEDED. IN ANY CASE, HE IS
HOPEFUL THAT IF FUNDING IS MINIMAL IT WILL BE POSSIBLE TO GAIN
SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THE COMPENSATION SCHEME.

5. AT THIS STAGE, HE FELT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO PRESS ANYONE
FOR FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS AT LEAST UNTIL IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ICE-
LANDERS ARE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING JOINING IN REALISTIC NEGOT-
IATIONS. HE REITERATED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT WEDDED TO THE
NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL BUT WISHES MAINLY TO KEEP THE HOPES OF
NEGOTIATION ALIVE. HE IS HOPEFUL,
THEREFORE, THAT OTHER NATO NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO CONSIDER
POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

6. FRYDENLUND' MAIN FEAR NOW IS THAT FOR THEIR OWN REASONS
THE ICELANDERS MAY NOT WANT OR BE ABLE TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS
OT THAT ANY INCIDENT AT SEA WILL MAKE ANY FURTHER TALKS IMPOSSIBLE.

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